

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending in this application, of which claims 39-49 are withdrawn.

Claims 1-38 are rejected. None of the claims are currently amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the examiner requests clarification because the examiner believes that the term “leaked”¹ as used in the specification at page 22 implies that authorized users might be permitted access to topological information, whereas the term “exposing”² in the claims implies that no users are permitted access to the topological information. It is suggested that the terms are not in conflict when considered in view of the specification. As used in the specification at page 21, lines 20-24, it is apparent that what is conveyed by the term “leak” is that when the LSA and neighbor database is maintained in the user domain it is potentially subject to *unauthorized* examination by enterprise personnel. However, there is no corresponding description of an *authorized* examination by a user. This should not be surprising because, as a practical matter, there are no residential or enterprise users who are authorized by a carrier or service provider to view the topology of the carrier or service provider network. Note that the possibility of an unauthorized disclosure to the user does not imply that there must also be a possibility of an authorized disclosure to a different user. This is so because all disclosures to users may be unauthorized. Withdrawal of the rejection in view of this clarification is respectfully requested.

¹ Leak: *Informal* To become publicly known through a breach of secrecy: The news has leaked. *v.tr.* Or, *Informal* To disclose without authorization or official sanction: leaked classified information to a reporter. *n.* The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition copyright ©2000

² Expose: To make known. The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition copyright ©2000

Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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